

South Jubilee News

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REDFERN PARK TO BE REDEVELOPED

In the spirit of neighbourhood participation and collaboration, the City of Victoria has requested a community consultation meeting to hear our input on the future of Redfern Park. The park is scheduled to be upgraded this year and the City Parks Division would like to hear from Redfern Park users about what we would like to see in our neighbourhood park.

The focus of the meeting will be on design considerations for the upcoming redevelopment of the play equipment/park space. A new playground structure is definitely in the works (that is, as long as we want one). So give some thought to what you like about our park and what elements you might like to change/ enhance.

As we are discussing the future of our park play structures, it is especially important that we hear from the children in our neighbourhood. So please talk to the children in your family/ neighbourhood about what playground features they like the best. You can invite them to speak at the meeting or, if they are too young for such a venue, please collect their comments and thoughts on the topic and email them to the SJNA (or call Carrie Ann at 598-7195) and we will read their opinions aloud to be

sure their voices are heard at the meeting.

Feb. 11th Victoria College of Art is your opportunity to participate in envisioning our future park.

If Redfern Park is part of your life, his meeting is for you!

NEW SJNA BOARD STRUCTURE

As there have been no objections raised regarding earlier discussions of our future Board structure, and as the Societies Act requires a minimum of five directors, the following motion will be presented for approval by the membership at our Feb 11th meeting at the Art College:

1. that the South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association Board shall consist of 5 members and
2. that the members shall be the Coordinator, the Treasurer, the Land Use Committee chair and two members at large and
3. that the Board members be elected at the June AGM for a term of one year, and
4. their duties shall include speaking for the Association's positions, presenting the Annual General Meeting and approving all major expenditures.

NEIGHBOURHOOD

MEETING

Monday, February 11th, 6:45 pm

Art School at Bank + Leighton

6:45-7:15pm Discuss motion to restructure SJNA board of directors

7:15-7:30pm Break

7:30-9:00pm Redfern Park Community Consultation: City park planners will be in attendance to hear our input regarding the upcoming improvements to Redfern Park (construction scheduled for later this year)

All neighbourhood residents are invited to attend either or both portions of this meeting.

KIOSK PROBLEMS SOLVED

For the past few months, event posterers have overwhelmed the kiosks' use for our neighbourhood notices. In addition the City has been stripping off all posters and notices each week.

An agreement has been reached with the City and the posterers to reserve the top twelve inches of the kiosks for neighbourhood notices and not remove them. An instruction to make that clear will soon be added to the kiosks.

BOULEVARD GARDENING

Lots of us have been eying our boulevards as a possible place to expand our gardening efforts. City parks people say they would entertain any design for a boulevard garden as long as the boulevard is NOT currently maintained by the city.

On Fell Street, for example, the boulevards are being maintained, but there is a ground swell to save the \$100+ on our taxes and do it ourselves...AND get the option to plant other things.

When I asked if they had any criteria for these roadside gardens, they only said to use common sense – nothing that would block visibility. I don't know if they would go for a full on veggie garden, but if they were interplanted among some fruit producing shrubs (blueberries?) they might go unnoticed! Anyone wanting to do this must draw a design and then take it to the Parks Department Office at Beacon Hill Park for approval.

For those who want to withdraw from the boulevard maintenance program, there is a petition on the city's website: www.victoria.ca/cityhall/departments/compar_prkbvd or go to the city's website at www.victoria.ca and type "boulevard taxation program" in the Search box.

Two-thirds of the street homeowners have to sign the petition and then the boulevard is back in our hands.



PLASTIC GOES BALLISTIC

The January Plastic Collection event was a wonder to behold – I mean chaos – and not what chaologists would mean. We sent off more than two trucks full to overflowing, double anything in the past. It was a frantic time. The donations, unsolicited, (no time to bother with that) were truly generous and resulted in a total of \$1,084 – meaning a \$200 share for our neighbourhood. Of course the generosity was appreciated, but more importantly it indicated the tremendous support that exists for the Plastic initiative – and it's happening all over Victoria. It leads me to wonder how long our City's citizens will have to fill in for the present inadequate CRD recycling policy. And of course we have to ask how long the world is going to have to deal with the damn stuff.

BRANCH PICKUP

City branch pickup will start the week of Feb 25th for South Jubilee. **Only tree and shrub branches will be picked up.** NO Ivy clippings, blackberry canes, morning glory, garden refuse, compost, lawn clippings, loose leaves, soil, rocks, metal, roots, stumps, construction lumber or branch material from commercial tree contractors, branches more than 2" in diameter.

Each residence will be allowed one branch pile limited to 1.2 m x 1.2 m x 2m (4 feet x 4 feet x 6 feet.)

Branches are to be loosely stacked with their cut ends placed together. Place branches parallel to the curb with the butt ends pointing in the direction of the traffic flow. The branches should not be chopped into pieces less than four feet, nor put in bags, boxes, nor tied with string.



The Juggler, the Chair and an audience of one.